

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 120.

By Senators McAllister and Rodgers,

An act relating to suspicion-based substance abuse testing and treatment for recipients of public assistance.

To the Committee on Health & Welfare.

S. 121.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to passing and yielding to vulnerable users.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Committee Bill Introduced

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day:

S. 122.

By the Committee on Transportation,

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to motor vehicles, motorboats, and other vehicles.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 256.

An act relating to disposal of property following an eviction, and fair housing and public accommodations.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bills Passed

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

S. 7. An act relating to bail determinations concerning a defendant charged with lewd and lascivious conduct with a child.

S. 13. An act relating to the Vermont Sex Offender Registry.

S. 71. An act relating to governance of the Vermont State Colleges.

Bill Passed**S. 97.**

Senate bill of the following title:

An act relating to taxation of prewritten software.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed on a roll call, Yeas 26, Nays 0.

Senator Benning having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McAllister, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, Zuckerman.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

Those Senators absent and not voting were: Doyle, Mazza, Mullin, Sears.

Bill Passed in Concurrence**H. 194.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of St. Johnsbury.

Appointment Confirmed

The following Gubernatorial appointment was confirmed by the Senate, upon full report given by the Committee to which it was referred:

Eaton, Harold of Woodstock - Judge, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court - October 27, 2014, to March 31, 2017.

Senate Concurrent Resolution

The following joint concurrent resolution, having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

S.C.R. 4.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the First Presbyterian Church of Barre on its 125th anniversary.

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Representative Burditt and others,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 47.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland High School cheerleading team on its success in the National Cheerleaders Association's Junior-Senior High School National Competition.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 48.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation on its 50th anniversary.

By Representative Devereux,

By Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka,

H.C.R. 49.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marcy Tanger on winning a 2014 NeighborWorks Dorothy Richardson Resident Leadership Award.

By Representative Huntley and others,

H.C.R. 50.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Deryl J. Stowell.

By Representative Smith,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 51.

House concurrent resolution honoring the individuals memorialized in Weybridge's 2014 town report.

By Representative Smith,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 52.

House concurrent resolution recognizing Edgar Crosby of Bridport on the dedication of the 2014 Bridport Town Report in his honor, in tribute to his exemplary community service.

By Representative Smith,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 53.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Kenneth W. Sawyer and honoring his community service in the town of New Haven.

By Representative Donovan and others,

H.C.R. 54.

House concurrent resolution designating February 25, 2015, as Teachers' Day at the State House.

By Representative Macaig and others,

By Senator Lyons,

H.C.R. 55.

House concurrent resolution congratulating youth composer Ethan Duncan on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of his *A Year in Vermont*.

By Representative Sibia and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

H.C.R. 56.

House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Werner for his outstanding leadership of the Dover School Board.

By Representatives Mrowicki and Deen,

By Senators Balint and White,

H.C.R. 57.

House concurrent resolution honoring Kathleen Bartlett as an outstanding educator.

By Representative Russell and others,

By Senators Campion, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 58.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging on its 40th anniversary.

By Representative Morrissey and others,

H.C.R. 59.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lions Club International's District 45 on its 60th anniversary.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 4.